

**Quarterly Issues Report**  
**WLFI-TV**  
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## **AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS and HEALTHCARE**

The first quarter of 2012 brought viewers a possible explanation as to why the number of honeybees dwindle each year, thanks to a few Purdue researchers. Purdue unveiled a four million dollar facility specifically for students in the field of agriculture. 100 new jobs are expected to come to the Lafayette area. The Super Bowl in Indianapolis ramped up local business and we take a look at the impact the event has on our area.

**1-6-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:34)**

Union supporters in Tippecanoe County are hoping to educate members of the public on the controversial "Right to Work" bill. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano has the story.

**1-11-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)**

Purdue researchers looked to develop an explanation into the dwindling numbers in the bee population. The United States loses about one-third of its honeybee hives each year. One cause looks to be the use of seed insecticides.

**1-18-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)**

Purdue University opened a new agricultural innovation center. The ADM building with a four million dollar price tag, provides students with more space for agricultural equipment. Aside from storing agricultural machinery, the building also serves as a classroom with space available for professors and students. The building also provides space for students to meet with potential employers.

**1-23-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55)**

Spring like temperatures throughout the area have caused many residents to experience allergy symptoms earlier than usual. News Channel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler explains why.

**1-25-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :20)**

Quality Die Set in Flora says it's looking to fill five skilled manufacturing positions and one sales position. Average starting salaries are 16-dollars an hour.

**1-25-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:30)**

The Indiana House of Representatives passes the highly debated bill. The Right to Work issue has brought walk outs and fines along with it. News Channel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler reports the bill passed after three long hours of debate today.

**1-25-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

Lafayette's Alcoa facility is promising to add 75 jobs within the next two years. And a 90 million dollar facility will also be added to the Alcoa campus. As NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro reports, It's an investment community leaders are hoping will help prolong the life of the 75 year-old plant.

**1-26-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55)**

The Duane Purvis burger is holding on strong in the Super 46 Sandwich competition. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro caught up with the crew at the Triple XXX restaurant today.

**1-26-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:25)**

The town of Monticello has been divided in recent weeks over a proposed animal waste processing facility. It would turn waste from livestock into fertilizer and energy. It's raised a stink for many.. and a meeting tonight was designed to clear the air.

**1-27-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)**

More than 100 new jobs are expected to come to Lafayette with an announcement bringing a rehabilitation hospital to town. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner reports the hospital may open as soon as the spring of next year.

**1-27-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:30)**

A new health and wellness center should save Tippecanoe County school employees money. The school corporation should also benefit from this as well. NewsChannel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler reports TSC officials cut the ribbon for two new health and wellness centers this afternoon.

**1-28-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:45)**

A local business is giving back to the community. A dog groomer at Bark Avenue Day Spa in Lafayette says she'll be grooming dogs for free for needy families. News Channel 18's Krista Henery has the story.

**1-29-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40)**

With Super Bowl 46 just a week away, some Lafayette businesses are preparing for extra crowds to come to town. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner has more details on how one business is stocking up for kick off.

**1-30-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

In just a few hours, Lafayette's newest medical facility will open. Sycamore Springs on the city's east side will treat those with substance abuse or mental health problems. An open house this evening of the 10- million dollar facility demonstrated what patients can expect.

**2-2-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)**

Experts say there's an alarming decline in the nationwide honey bee population, a population which plays a big part in farming because of their essential work with pollination. News Channel 18's Jessie Hawila reports some Purdue scientists are working to find a solution.

**2-3-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:20)**

January was National Birth Defects Prevention Month. Although we've turned the page on the calendar NewsChannel 18's Liz Nichols shows how doctors still have an important message for expecting mothers.

**2-10-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)**

Property taxes on farmland have been on the rise in Indiana. This year's base tax rate jumped more than two hundred dollars an acre, increasing to 1,500 dollars an acre. Purdue agricultural economists say that this rise is an indication that farmers have made more money over the last several years.

**2-14-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:35)**

One disease that was common back in the day is making a comeback. NewsChannel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler has more on how Measles can affect people of all ages.

**2-20-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:45)**

Many people used Presidents' Day to do a little shopping and spend time with family. NewsChannel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler reports why those holiday activities translate into big business in Greater Lafayette.

**2-21-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:45)**

Every day. Americans spend more than one and a half billion dollars eating out. But do you know what you are eating? Over the next three nights in our special series Dirty Restaurants, we'll provide some

answers. It's a NewsChannel 18 investigation that sifted through hundreds of pages of documents to find the worst violators. They run the gamut, from all- you- can- eat buffets to pricey restaurants, even a couple hotels. So what's the dirtiest in 2011? Take a look.

**2-22-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:40)**

Last night in Part One of our special series Dirty Restaurants.. we exposed the restaurants with the most violations in the area. Tonight, in Part two, NewsChannel 18's Dan Klein reports food officials have several tools at their disposal to force violators to clean up their acts. You can only see so much from the dining area when you sit down to eat your meal. How do you know what's going on in the kitchen behind closed doors? That's the job of food inspectors but oftentimes the people with the most power may be the customers themselves.

**2-22-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)**

On a farmer's list of 'must- have' items.. tractors, seeds and fertilizer are on top. Pretty soon it may be a new computer or smart phone application. NewsChannel 18's Jessie Hawila reports a local company has developed a software program to help farmers better manage their corn crops.

**2-23-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:20)**

Almost 300 kindergarten students from schools across Tippecanoe County made their way to McCutcheon High School today to learn first hand about agriculture and its importance in our area. NewsChannel 18's Jamie Jackson explains why field trips like this are important to growing minds and imaginations.

**2-23-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:43)**

The sounds of coughing, sneezing and sniffing of flu season are decidedly quieter this year -- and doctors are saying there may be a reason for that. Looking at your health NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro brings us the latest on this year's late flu season.

**2-23-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 4:00)**

Tonight Dan accompanies a food inspector on an inspection to see what he does to make sure you and your family are safe. Twice a year food inspectors get to surprise restaurants with an all-access pass inside the kitchen. But when a TV camera crew joins by law it can't be a surprise. Even so with thousands of laws on the books to keep diners safe.. perfection is an almost impossible standard.

**3-8-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

News Channel 18's Krista Henery reports the Benton Community School Corporation is partnering up with other community programs to offer free food plots to residents within the county.

**3-8-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:36)**

NewsChannel 18's Jessie Hawila spoke with a Purdue agricultural expert who says a mild winter and wet start to March will make it more difficult for local farmers.

**3-20-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

The Indiana Packers Corporation is announcing the addition of jobs at the Delphi facility. The expansion is a continued demand for the pork product.

**3-22-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:45)**

Nearly 200 jobs are one step closer to making their way to the Greater Lafayette area.

NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner explains which local companies are creating the jobs.

**3-22-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:30)**

Dozens of acres in Prophetstown State Park were engulfed in flames but not from arson or by accident. NewsChannel 18's Jessie Hawila explains why the fiery scene was actually an environmentally friendly task.

**3-27-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

If you've been making several trips to the bathroom and are constantly thirsty and tired.. it might not just be something to shrug off. Those are three main warning signs that you might be developing Type two diabetes. NewsChannel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler reports why more are developing the disease at a younger age.

**3-28-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

If you're looking to snag a new job.. a Purdue expert has some tips on how to get ready for the big interview. NewsChannel 18's Elisabeth Rentschler explains how to properly prepare yourself to make the best impression on your potential boss.

**3-29-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)**

For the first time.. a group from Greater Lafayette will head to Japan and China in hopes of bringing more jobs to the area. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro explains how the goal of the trip is to lay the foundation for future economic growth.

## **CRIME**

The first quarter of 2012 brought viewers the disheartening story of a man that murdered his 94 year old grandfather and robbed him. We saw several robberies take place in our viewing area. A substitute teacher in Frankfort faced a battery charge after bruising a child in a third grade gym class. Five businesses in White County are robbed in two days. A former hospital CEO and a local youth minister are involved in a federal fraud case.

**1-3-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :20)**

Lafayette police investigate an armed robbery that happened early Sunday morning. A man claims he was robbed and police say the suspected robber was armed with a firearm and got away with the man's cell phone and cash.

**1-3-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :20)**

A man entered a local gas station to buy a lottery ticket. When the cash register drawer opened to complete the transaction, the man grabbed the cash from the drawer and left the scene.

**1-10-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)**

An annual report ranks Lafayette as one of the 50 safest cities in the nation. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano talks to Lafayette and West Lafayette's police chiefs about the impressive ranking.

**1-16-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:45)**

One of the people accused of killing a Lafayette man with a pick ax and a shovel back in July was pronounced dead earlier this afternoon. News Channel 18's Krista Henery has the latest.

**1-16-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

A substitute teacher in Frankfort faces a battery charge after an incident in a third grade gym class. School officials say the sub bruised a child's shoulder and made derogatory comments to the third grader. And it all happened on the sub's first week on the job. Dan Klein reports.

**1-17-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)**

An alleged murderer is dead, the cause of death will be determined after today's autopsy. News Channel 18's Krista Henery explains what we know so far about the events leading up to the death of Antonio Williams.

**1-27-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)**

A Lafayette man and teenager face felony charges for allegedly pointing a gun at another man's face and stealing money from him. Court documents say the two confronted the man with a semi-automatic handgun and demanded money from him.

**1-30-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:30)**

Police continue the investigation into the homicide of a 94 year-old man in Montgomery County. Samuel Kessler was found dead in his home Sunday afternoon. As NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro reports, Police revealed that Kessler's death was the result of a gunshot wound and the case is being investigated as a homicide.

**2-14-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:29)**

The man accused of holding up a Lafayette grocery store is scheduled for an initial hearing this afternoon. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano explains why this crime in particular is an unusual one.

**2-14-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)**

Whitestown and Lafayette Police detectives released surveillance photos from three weekend robberies.

**2-20-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)**

One pharmacy manager says a new state mandated software system is helping to keep people from



breaking laws regulating pseudoephedrine purchases. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano has the story of the use of an electronic log program to track pseudoephedrine purchases.

**2-21-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)**

Purdue police investigate a racially motivated incident on campus that could bring federal charges. Detectives say a statue was defaced with the "n" word written on it with a black marker.

**2-22-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)**

Five White County businesses have been robbed in the last two days including three this morning. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro reports the crime streak has many wondering about safety in the county.

**2-22-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :23)**

Two bodies were found in White County in an apparent murder-suicide. White County Sheriff's discovered the bodies after conducting a welfare check.

**2-23-12 (During the noon broadcast, Duration :50)**

Monticello police arrested a man wanted in connection with several robberies in White County. Raymond Kestner, 20 years old, was arrested. Kestner robbed two gas stations and attempted to rob a third.

**3-7-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:15)**

The grandson of a murdered Lafayette man is officially charged with the crimes. NewsChannel 18's Dan Klein reports police detectives say D-N-A evidence helped connect 38 year-old Richard Fouts with the murder of 84 year-old William Hartlep.

**3-24-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :45)**

Nearly two decades after a Miami County woman was found dead in a home, State Police are asking for help to solve the case. Toni Spicer was found dead by family members inside a home in 1992. State police hope people who know something about the case will be more willing to come forward after so much time has passed.

**3-27-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:45)**

A Monticello man accused of firing shots at deputies through a window while four children were in his home faces the courtroom for the crime today. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano brings us the details on the charges he faces.

**3-28-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 3:00)**

An estimated 200 students, faculty and community members came out and rallied for justice for Trayvon Martin. Many demonstrators at the march for Martin wore hoodies, the same garment the teen was wearing when he was shot. News Channel 18's Krista Henery reports hundreds gathered at Purdue to show their support for the teenager's family.

**3-29-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:25)**

A former hospital CEO and a local youth minister face hundreds of years in jail and multi-million dollar fines in a federal fraud case. NewsChannel 18's Dan Klein explains how the pair defrauded a Wyoming health care business of more than 800 thousand dollars.

**3-30-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :20)**

The man suspected of robbing a pizza delivery driver in West Lafayette is in custody.

West Lafayette police say 18 year-old Antonio White of Lafayette was arrested for armed robbery and intimidation. White robbed a pizza delivery driver at gunpoint. The driver was not injured.

**3-30-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)**

West Lafayette police have made a second arrest after a pizza delivery driver was robbed. 18 year-old Lorenzo Johnson was involved and faces charges of robbery with a deadly weapon.

## **DIVERSITY**

The Purdue rowing team battled time and tested their endurance to give back to the community. Purdue University saw an increase in the number of Latino's enrolled. We explained to our viewers exactly what the increase means to the University. An "Ice Bowl" tournament raised money for The Food Finders Food Bank. During Black History month, we provided our viewers with an unprecedented look at black history in our area.

**1-14-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:00)**

The Purdue swim team along with students from various sororities and fraternities took part in the Breaststroke 4 Hope swim-a-thon for breast cancer awareness. 30 teams swam for one consecutive hour in exchange for pledges from the community for each lap completed.

**1-16-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :35)**

Nearly 400 Purdue students were organized into groups and volunteered with numerous organizations including Food Finders Food Bank and the YWCA. The students used Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. day as an opportunity to volunteer throughout the community.

**1-24-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

Diversity is a hot button issue at Purdue the numbers have been crunched and university officials are excited about the increased number of black and Latino students on campus. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro explains what the numbers mean.

**1-25-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)**

Franciscan St. Elizabeth Health and Unity Healthcare presented a check to the YWCA for 49 thousand dollars. The money was raised through the annual Pink Party. The party was a fundraiser for the YWCA Women's Cancer program which provides services such as mammograms and pap smears to uninsured women.

**1-26-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

The NAACP joined forces with the AFL-CIO to fight against the Right to Work bill.

The bill passed on a vote of 54-to-44. The Senate has already passed its version but must vote again on the House bill.

**1-28-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:45)**

The Purdue rowing team spent the day rowing for a cause at the Tippecanoe Mall. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner has more on how Purdue Crew is using their off season to give back.

**1-29-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:10)**

The third annual Ice Bowl disc golf tournament sent proceeds to the Food Finders Food Bank of Lafayette. The Wabash Disc Golf Club collected 500 dollars and 250 pounds of canned goods, which surpassed last year's totals.

**1-31-12 (During the morning broadcast, Duration 3:15)**

Tomorrow is the start of Black History Month. But NewsChannel 18 is looking at year-round ways to celebrate Black History. Jamie joins us now with an unprecedented local look at black history from the past, to professionals of color, to the black church.

**2-11-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:25)**

Some area residents and Purdue students spent the morning "freezin for a reason" as they took the plunge for Special Olympics Indiana. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner joins us now with more details on how daring participants took in an icy dip at the West Lafayette Polar Plunge.

**2-25-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40)**

A mobile food pantry helps more than 200 Tippecanoe County families put food on the table.

NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner explains how Food Finders Food Bank made it possible.

**3-1-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)**

The YWCA will honor seven Greater Lafayette women at this year's Salute to Women Banguet. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner tells us more about Women of Distinction winner Susan Carr and her desire to share her love for art.

**3-1-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller made a stop in Lafayette today to challenge local law firms to help local food banks. NewsChannel 18's Jessie Hawila reports Zoeller is asking them to donate food and funds.

**3-2-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)**

We continue to profile the YWCA "Salute to Women" honorees this week. Tonight NewsChannel 18's Liz Nichols sits down with Sylvia Anderson named a "Woman of Distinction," and here's why.

**3-3-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

One Woman of Distinction is Fountain County Judge Susan Orr Henderson. As NewsChannel 18's Dan Klein tells us it's her hard work off the bench that is worth honoring.

**3-4-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:45)**

We continue to profile the YWCA Salute to Women honorees this week. Tonight we feature former engineering professor and volunteer Dr. Marge Taber. Jessie Hawila has her story.

**3-5-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:55)**

Tonight, we continue our series on the 2012 Y-W-C-A Salute to Women award winners. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano introduces us to Woman of Distinction, Doctor Patrice Buzzanell.

**3-6-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

Tonight we introduce you to Betty Reed, the YWCA "Woman of Wisdom" award recipient. An octogenarian, Mrs. Reed remains very active. She meets with the wives of local farmers, hosts community meetings in her home, and still records obituaries for the Tippecanoe County Historical Association. As NewsChannel 18's Jamie Jackson found out, Mrs. Reed has a big love for her country and her community.

**3-9-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:05)**

Hoosiers have already been stepping up to help their own in southern Indiana, but more help is still needed in NewsChannel 18's Tornado Relief Drive. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano has an update on the drive's progress.

**3-13-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:30)**

Purdue students aren't the only ones giving back. Wabash National officials say a trailer donated for WLF's Tornado Relief Drive is about 70-percent full with your donations. That trailer is headed to the southern counties today. NewsChannel 18's Kristin Maiorano explains how you can still lend a helping hand.

**3-18-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:45)**

NewsChannel 18 has an update on a story we first brought to you in February. There are plans in the works for the Tippecanoe County 4-Hers who lost their animals to a barn fire. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner reports on how the community has restored the hopes for the eleven 4-Hers in Clarks Hill.

## **EDUCATION**

An area icon is stepping down and the first quarter of 2012 brought viewers and introduction to the man replacing Superintendent Ed Eiler. We reported on the rise in tuition costs and how students are shouldering the burden of high tuition costs at the collegiate level. A student-run radio station celebrates 40 years of broadcasting. We look into the process area schools took to get their kids ready for the annual ISTEP test.

**1-11-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)**

Purdue University has officially announced and outlined its plan to switch from semesters to trimesters by 20-20. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro shows us how the changes will affect students and faculty in Boiler nation.

**1-11-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)**

While the switch to trimesters means big changes for students and faculty it also means a major change in revenue for area business owners. NewsChannel 18's Krista Henery reports business owners are already looking forward to the switch.

**1-13-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:15)**

An Indianapolis judge upheld the School Choice Scholarship program that lawmakers passed last spring. Lafayette School Corporation Superintendent Ed Eiler is one of the plaintiffs named in the lawsuit which states the program is an unconstitutional support of religion by public money.

**1-23-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:50)**

The name Les Huddle was something Ed Eiler didn't know. He stayed out of the selection process for his successor. NewsChannel 18's Krista Henery spoke with Eiler about his years on the job and what advice he had for his successor.

**1-24-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :50)**

Purdue University launched a new center aimed at reducing tuition increases. The center, located in the Discovery Park, will be on a ten year plan to help offset declining state appropriations.

**1-25-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

Changes to financial aid could soon make it harder to find funding for higher education. NewsChannel 18's Krista Henery reports many students are having to dig deeper in their pockets to get a degree.

**2-17-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:35)**

Area Ivy Tech business students can now work towards a higher degree, but in a way that fits in with their schedule. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner reports there's a new partnership with an on-line university to allow students to further their education.

**2-19-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:30)**

Jefferson High School student-run radio station Jeff 92 is celebrating 40 years on the air. Photographer Jamie Long shows us why the station has lasted so long.

**2-19-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

Students in Indiana will no longer be assessed based on federal "No Child Left Behind" legislation, thanks to a waiver granted by President Obama. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro explains why not all educators say that's a good thing.

**2-22-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

International students who enrolled at Purdue for this academic year are paying extra for international tuition on top of out-of-state tuition and that amount is expected to increase for new international students who will enroll for classes next year. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner has the story.



**2-25-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:05)**

West Lafayette high school held its fourth annual West Side Story fundraiser. Money raised during the event goes directly to the West Lafayette Education Foundation, which helps fund educational projects and teacher grants.

**2-27-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:35)**

The ISTEP is quickly approaching. With only a week to go, many students across the state are feeling the jitters. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro shows us how one school is getting kids pumped up about the big exam.

**3-8-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

News Channel 18's Krista Henery reports the Benton Community School Corporation is partnering up with other community programs to offer free food plots to residents within the county.

**3-27-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

Outgoing Purdue president France Cordova delivers her final "State of the University" address. NewsChannel 18's Liz Nichols talks one-on-one with the university's 11th president on her legacy and what challenges lie ahead.

**3-29-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

When it comes to secondary education degrees for adults Indiana ranks 10th worst in the nation. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro looks into what education leaders in our area are doing to help boost those numbers.

## **TRANSPORTATION and INFRASTRUCTURE**

Unusually warm weather in the first quarter brought an increase in construction. A local facility announced that it will add 75 jobs over the next two years as a result of company expansion. A controversial hog farm goes up for a vote of approval. Viewers learned of a new solar field that will be created in Lafayette and will save the city upwards of \$100,000 in costs.

**1-5-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:00)**

A Delphi church in the heart of the Hoosier Heartland highway project.. wants more money from the state for its property. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner explains how the church is fighting back.

**1-10-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)**

The city board of works approved Wessler Engineering to begin a design on a new drainage project from Creasy Lane to Courtland Avenue. Construction of new curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and walking trails will begin this summer.

**1-11-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :55)**

The transportation operating fund has shrunk in half for the Tippecanoe School Corporation. Financial officials believe that trend will continue as revenue continues to decline and fuel costs are expected to rise.

**1-25-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:10)**

Lafayette's Alcoa facility is promising to add 75 jobs within the next two years. And a 90 million dollar facility will also be added to the Alcoa campus. As NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro reports, It's an investment community leaders are hoping will help prolong the life of the 75 year-old plant.

**1-26-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:40)**

Winter weather takes its toll on area roads. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner has more details about one crash today on Interstate 65 where potholes are to blame.

**2-1-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)**

Although February is not prime construction season, that doesn't mean the warm weather isn't welcomed at construction sites. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner joins us now with more on how this warmer weather is helping the progress of construction projects.

**2-2-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)**

A variance is granted by the board of zoning in Carroll County for the construction of two hog barns. Carroll County Commissioners will meet to discuss a new zoning ordinance for the proposed site.

**2-6-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :40)**

Construction of a proposed Hog Farm in Carroll County remains on hold after commissioners fail to approve a new zoning ordinance.

**2-7-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :20)**

Engineering officials will begin design on a new solar field at the waste water treatment plant in Lafayette. According to the City Engineer's office, the solar field could save the city more than \$100,000 a year.

**2-14-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :48)**

The state is transferring responsibility for parts of two major highways to the city of Lafayette. The transfer involves Sagamore Parkway and State Road 26.

**2-15-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:20)**

The Tippecanoe County Area Plan Commission denied a rezoning request to bring a six story building to West Lafayette.

**2-20-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration :30)**

The County Board of Commissioners voted to establish a new solid waste district. The commissioners voted late last year to dissolve the Wildcat solid waste district. The new waste district will begin functioning March first.

**2-27-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:15)**

NewsChannel 18's Dan Klein is live from Lafayette Common Council Chambers where residents can get information about the upcoming reconstruction of North Street.

**3-7-12 (During the six o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:30)**

The real reason Governor Daniels was in town, was to talk about the Major Moves project. NewsChannel 18's Alex Deiro explains why his announcement spells good news for Hoosiers.

**3-8-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:35)**

The City of Lafayette hopes to add more than four thousand residents and 850 acres into the city. A time line for the move is already set, but some residents are a bit concerned. NewsChannel 18's Dan Klein shows us why.

**3-20-12 (During the five o'clock broadcast, Duration :25)**

The West Lafayette Board of works approved wetland planting to take place in the pond located near the Lindberg bridge. It's part of the "Northwestern Gateway Project." Officials say the plants will help filter the water and beautify the area over the next couple of years.

**3-24-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 1:35)**

A Lafayette resource center for recovering addicts is getting a new address. NewsChannel 18's Brittany Tyner explains why the Surf Center's move came at the right time.

**3-27-12 (During the 11 o'clock broadcast, Duration 2:15)**

More construction is getting underway in Tippecanoe County. NewsChannel 18's Krista Henery explains what drivers can expect for the next 18 months during the construction of the US 231 bypass.